

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1241

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor Judge William E. "Bill" Higgins on the occasion of his retirement from the bench.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing one of the finest judges this State has ever produced, namely William E. "Bill" Higgins, who presides over Division VII of the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County General Sessions Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Higgins is taking a much-deserved retirement after forty-two years of dedicated and insightful service, having decided not to seek another term in the upcoming election; and

WHEREAS, Judge Higgins won a contested election for the Judgeship of General Sessions Court, Division VII, in 1980 and has since been reelected to the bench five times without opposition; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Nashville School of Law, Bill Higgins was engaged in the private practice of law for thirteen years and served three terms on the Metropolitan Nashville Council, ably representing the 24<sup>th</sup> District in West Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many contributions at the bar and on the bench, Judge Higgins is an active volunteer with community organizations and a member of the Nashville City Civitan Club, American Legion Post 5, the NAACP, the West Nashville Masonic Lodge and Al Menah Shrine, and several bar associations; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cohn High School and Vanderbilt University, Judge Higgins served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army after college and rose to the rank of Captain by the time of his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Bill Higgins is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Janice Livingston; their three adult children; and their seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure on the bench, Judge Higgins has exhibited the greatest integrity and a strong commitment to justice, and he is most worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is a pleasure and a privilege for this body to honor Judge William E. "Bill" Higgins on the occasion of his retirement after forty-two years on the bench. We extend to him our gratitude for a difficult job well done and our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.